

Application No. 10/026,108

### REMARKS

In the Office Action of September 21, 2004, the Office indicated that each of dependent claims 8, 10, 11, and 13 contained allowable subject matter. Additionally, dependent claims 3-5 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter if rewritten to overcome a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2d paragraph. With the above amendments, each of the claims is now in form for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of original claim 8. Claim 8 has been cancelled. New claim 17 has been added to incorporate into independent form the allowable subject matter originally contained in allowable dependent claim 10. New dependent claim 18 contains the allowable subject matter contained in original dependent claim 11. New claim 19 has been added to incorporate in independent form the allowable subject matter contained in original dependent claim 13. New claim 20 has been added to incorporate in independent form the allowable subject matter contained in original dependent claim 3, with the objection under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2d paragraph, having been addressed. New dependent claims 21 and 22 contain the allowable subject matter contained in original dependent claims 4 and 5, again with the objection under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2d paragraph, having been addressed. Claims 14-16 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added with respect to any of these amendments.

With these amendments, applicants have complied with all formal requirements contained in the present Office Action and all pending claims are now in form for allowance.

With all objections contained in the current Office Action having been addressed, the present application is now in form for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. If any questions remain, applicants request an interview before issuance of the next Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,



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